

the amendment? Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is a very serious issue and I see no way that in fifteen minutes of discussion it can be thoroughly covered. I am going to do all I can to prevent the passage of this proposed constitutional amendment altogether. I have lived in Omaha all of my life. I have seen representatives of Omaha come down here and make representations to the Legislature about why certain legislation is necessary, why certain projects must be run through Omaha. You all are aware of how much effort I put forth to try to stop the North Freeway from coming through my community but it went through with your assistance. Senator Newell and others talked about housing that would be provided. No new houses have been constructed. A few buildings have been built to replace the units of a public housing development that were torn down in order that the Freeway might pass right through the middle of that housing development where many children live. I am bitter about this. More and more information is coming out about the damage caused to anybody who is exposed over an extended period of time to lead. Lead in gasoline is such a devastating commodity that the EPA is thinking about banning it in gasoline by 1990. All of the studies have pointed out that the detrimental effects of lead impact most heavily on those who live in what is called the inner city, meaning black people and poor white people. It affects the brain. It lowers the IQ. So if you continue to force people to live in this type of pollution, then you are creating a set of circumstances where you may be able to produce a group of people that you can show by testing is really inferior. Their IQ level is low. It is unconscionable what this Legislature has done to people in my community. But I don't expect conscience to play any part in it. I am saying that by way of telling you why I am opposed to this. Senator Newell talks to you as though the City of Omaha is interested in building up areas. It is not interested in building up the area in which I live and where poor white people live. He is talking about a land grabbing agency run by the county and with the complicity of the city that would like to accumulate large tracts of land and turn them over